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Dear Commissioner,

The above-identified pending patent application is entitled to small entity status. The above-identified pending patent application is wholly assigned to Bay Microsystems, Inc., a party which meets the small entity status criteria defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a).

The undersigned is the Attorney of Record for the above-identified pending patent application.

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